

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Jon Sonju, on March 9, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Sen. Art Wittich, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Shannon Augare (D)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Alan Olson (R)

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch
Kirk Lundby, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 366, 3/4/2011; HB 494, 3/4/2011; HB 575, 3/4/2011
Executive Action: HB 62 Do Concur

HEARING ON HB 575

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:13 Rep. Kris Hansen (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 575, Generally revise annexation laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:45 Mike Wendland, Commissioner, Hill County Commission

EXHIBIT(los53a01)

00:11:57 Tara DePuy, representing Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:12:35 Tim Solomon, Mayor, City of Havre

00:13:36 Alec Hansen, representing Montana League of Cities and Town (MLCT)

00:16:30 Maureen Conner, Commissioner, Granite County Commission

00:17:58 John MacDonald, representing City of Missoula

Opponents' Testimony:

00:18:44 Mike Fellows, Chairman, Montana Libertarian Party (MLP)

00:20:40 Chris Saunders, representing City of Bozeman

EXHIBIT(los53a02)

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:54 Sen. Tutvedt

00:24:36 Rep. Hansen

00:27:38 Sen. Tutvedt

00:28:01 Rep. Hansen

00:28:38 Vice Chair Wittich

00:29:52 Chris Saunders, City of Bozeman

00:30:29 Vice Chair Wittich

00:30:35 Chris Saunders

00:31:22 Vice Chair Wittich

00:31:41 Sen. Vuckovich

00:31:58 Tim Solomon, City of Havre

00:32:38 Sen. Vuckovich

00:33:14 Tim Solomon

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:28 Rep. Hansen

HEARING ON HB 366

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:35:19 Rep. Matthew Rosendale (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 366, Revise county interim zoning law.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:38:30 Glenn Oppel, representing Montana Association of Relators (MAR)
EXHIBIT(los53a03)
 00:46:32 Mike Fellows, MLP
 00:47:56 Craig Brown, representing Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors (MARLS)
 00:48:24 Dustin Stewart, representing Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)
 00:51:21 Steve Wade, representing Montana Contractors Association (MCA)
 00:51:53 Chuck Denowh, representing United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)
 00:53:04 Mark Staples, representing Plum Creek Timber Company (PCTC)
 00:53:29 Ronda Wiggers, representing Great Falls and Helena Chambers of Commerce
 00:54:35 Niki Sardot
 00:55:11 Susanna Pyron
 00:55:50 Bill VanCanagan, Legal Council, MAR

Opponents' Testimony:

00:57:40 Maureen Conner, Granite County Commission
 01:01:51 Tara DePuy, MACo
 01:05:49 Linda Stoll, representing Missoula County and Montana Association of Planners (MAP)
 01:10:00 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
EXHIBIT(los53a04)
 01:13:59 Casey Perkins, representing Montana Audubon
 01:15:50 Tom Lythgoe, Commissioner, Jefferson County Commission

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:18:14 Sen. Moss
 01:19:18 Rep. Rosendale
 01:20:21 Sen. Moss
 01:20:35 Rep. Rosendale
 01:21:01 Sen. Moss
 01:22:09 Maureen Conner, Granite County Commission
 01:22:34 Sen. Moss
 01:22:51 Tara Depuy, MACo
 01:23:01 Sen. Tutvedt
 01:23:20 Tom Lythgoe, Jefferson County Commission

01:26:00 Sen. Tutvedt
01:26:32 Tom Lythgoe, Jefferson County Commission
01:26:54 Sen. Tutvedt

Closing by Sponsor:

01:27:10 Rep. Rosendale

HEARING ON HB 494

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:29:05 Rep. Champ Edmunds (R), HD 100, opened the hearing on HB 494, Revise laws relating to subdivision exemptions.

[EXHIBIT\(los53a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:30:32 Sterling Miller, Owner, Dunrovin Ranch

[EXHIBIT\(los53a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(los53a07\)](#)

01:42:04 Mike Fellows, MLP

01:42:31 Joe Roberts, MARLS

01:43:33 Ken Jenkins, Owner, Montana Northwest Company (MNC)

01:45:01 Sen. Olson entered the committee room

01:46:59 Glenn Oppel, MAR

[EXHIBIT\(los53a08\)](#)

01:49:50 Dustin Stewart, MBIA

01:52:03 Susanna Pyron

01:53:53 John Richards

01:56:43 Niki Sardot

Opponents' Testimony:

01:57:32 Linda Stoll, Missoula County and MAP

02:03:03 Maureen Conner, Granite County Commission

02:05:23 Tara DePuy, MACo

02:07:28 Sen. Gallus left the committee room

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:08:12 Sen. Tutvedt

02:08:28 Linda Stoll

02:09:14 Chairman Sonju

02:09:20 Sen. Buttrey left the committee room

02:09:34 Dustin Stewart

02:10:28 Vice Chair Wittich
02:11:03 Glenn Oppel, MAR
02:12:07 Vice Chair Wittich
02:12:18 Glenn Oppel
02:12:39 Vice Chair Wittich
02:13:45 Rep. Edmunds
02:15:43 Vice Chair Wittich
02:17:46 Chairman Sonju

Closing by Sponsor:

02:17:55 Rep. Edmunds
02:18:35 Chairman Sonju

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 62

02:18:48 **Motion:** Sen. Tutvedt moved that **HB 62 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:19:18 Vice Chair Wittich

02:19:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Gallus will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:
02:20:34

Kirk Lundby, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([los53aad.pdf](#))